

REMARKS

This application was abandoned on or about July 1, 2004 and this Office Action Response is filed concurrently with a Petition to Revive.

Elected Claims

The examiner correctly noted applicant's election of claims 33-37 for examination. Claims 1-32 have been withdrawn and applicant reserves the right to pursue these in a divisional or continuation application.

Specification

The examiner noted that the substitute specification filed April 8, 2003 has not been entered because it does not conform to 37 C.F.R. 1.125(b). Applicant hereby withdraws his substitute specification, including claims and drawings.

Claim Rejections

35 U.S.C. §102

The examiner rejected claims 33, 36 and 37 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,845,339 to Ashley et al. Applicant does not agree with the examiner's rejection, but to facilitate a timely issuance of a patent in this matter, claim 33 has been canceled and claims 36 and 37 have been amended as outlined below so that they are allowable. Applicant reserves the right to pursue claim 33 in a divisional or continuation application.

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35 U.S.C. §103

The examiner also rejected claim 36 as being unpatentable over Ashley et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,357,026 to Weingandt and claim 36 has now been amended so it is allowable.

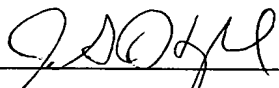
Allowable Subject Matter

The examiner objected to claim 34 as depending from a rejected base claim but found that it would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 34 has been amended pursuant to the examiner's suggestion and is now allowable. Claims 36 and 37 have been amended to depend from claim 34 and are also now allowable.

Claim 35 depends from claim 33 and has been canceled. Applicant reserves the right to pursue this claim in a divisional or continuation application.

Claims 34, 36 and 37 are now in a condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of allowance be issued in this case.

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